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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

8 RONALD BRENNAN JR.,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 ANTHONY ASTON, et al.,

12 Defendants.  
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Case No. C17-1928-JCC-JPD

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR  
CORRECTION TO DOCKET AND  
MOTION TO COMPEL WITNESS  
STATEMENTS

14 This is a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 prisoner civil rights action. Currently before the Court are  
15 plaintiff's motion for correction to docket, Dkt. 51, and motion to compel witness statements,  
16 Dkt. 52. Having considered the motions, the balance of the record, and the governing law, the  
17 Court finds and ORDERS:

18 (1) Plaintiff's motion for correction to docket, Dkt. 51, is DENIED. Plaintiff asks the  
19 Court to change the caption in this action because Anthony Aston is no longer a defendant. The  
20 caption, however, remains the same throughout a case regardless of whether the first-named  
21 defendant is dismissed.

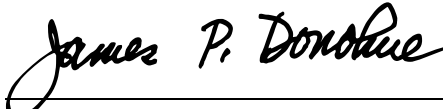
22 (2) Plaintiff's motion to compel witness statements, Dkt. 52, is DENIED. Plaintiff  
23 asks the Court to compel witness statements from 40 people and to grant plaintiff permission to

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1 communicate with other inmates. Plaintiff is responsible for issuing his own discovery requests;  
2 it is not the Court's responsibility. Discovery requests should be sent directly to parties or  
3 witnesses and should *not* be filed with the Court. If a defendant or witness does not respond to  
4 plaintiff's discovery requests, plaintiff must comply with the requirements of Western District of  
5 Washington Local Rule LCR 37 before filing a motion to compel. After defendants file an  
6 answer to the operative complaint, the Court will set a deadline for completing discovery. If  
7 plaintiff has difficulty conducting discovery due to rules regarding communication with other  
8 inmates, he should attempt to resolve this problem directly with counsel for defendants before  
9 seeking assistance from the Court.

10 (3) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the parties and to the  
11 Honorable John C. Coughenour.

12 Dated this 13th day of September, 2018.

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14 JAMES P. DONOHUE  
15 United States Magistrate Judge  
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